

FOREST FIRES BURN TOWNS

FOUR THOUSAND HOMELESS AND
FLEEING BEFORE FLAMES.

Residents of Other Places Have Goods
Packed on Trains Ready to Desert
Homes Surrounded by Walls of Fire
—Drought and Damage Widespread.

RHINELANDER, Wis., Sept. 21.—Gagen
and Woodboro, on the Soo line, were
destroyed by forest fires yesterday. Men,
women and children fought to save their
homes, but without avail. Each place had
about 2,000 population, and all are home-
less. It is reported that nothing is left
of Gagen.

Women carrying children in their arms
and men and boys with packs on their
backs fled before the flames toward
Rhinelander, many falling prostrate in
the heat, only to be helped on by the
stronger refugees. Nearly all those
burned out at Gagen reached Rhinelander
last night and are cared for.

Few Woodboro people are here and it
is not known what has become of all of
them. When the blaze started the wind
was from the west, and it was feared
that Rhinelander, which has 10,000 popu-
lation, was doomed also, but a change
in the direction of the wind saved the city.

MOSINEE, Wis., Sept. 21.—Forest fires
completely surround this place. The vil-
lage of Moon, six miles southwest of
here, is completely hemmed in. Nearly
200,000 feet of hardwood logs burned
yesterday afternoon. Several hundred
thousand feet of standing timber has
also burned.

DETROIT, Sept. 21.—During the past
twenty-four hours reports have been
received of a very discouraging nature
from the forest fire district of northern
Michigan. Creeping along the shores of
Green Bay and eastward from the timber
and mining country of Wisconsin and
the western end of the upper peninsula,
the fires have finally surrounded four towns
in that section and the inhabitants have
been fleeing for their lives. The doomed
villages are Forest City, with a popu-
lation of 250; Niagara, Commonwealth and
Spread Eagle, with populations of from
100 to 200 each.

Forest City has been wholly destroyed.
The fires have crept in from the timber
and taken hold of the mills and cottages
of other towns.

The best information obtainable is
that nothing can be saved. Logging
trains are bringing many of the fleeing
people out of the district. There are re-
ports that several lives have been lost,
but the reports cannot be confirmed.

At Iron Mountain this morning the
families of twelve farmers were driven
from their homes and taken on a re-
lief train. Efforts are being made to
reach others in the more remote district
toward which the flames are advancing
with great speed.

Hermansville, where a big woodenware
plant is located, has been surrounded by
flames for twelve hours. A relief train
was sent through the fire line and a num-
ber of families were taken out.

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 21.—Fanned by a
strong wind the forest fires that have been
burning in northern Wisconsin and Michi-
gan for weeks spread to-day, and to-night
several villages and towns are in serious
danger.

The town of Field, Wis., is reported
on fire in a telephone message from New
Richmond. Communications with the town
are cut off and details cannot be
had. Minneapolis and St. Paul were
called on for help late this afternoon and
both cities shipped fire apparatus manned
by firemen to Field on special trains.

At Lake Umbagog, near the Calumet, Mich.,
and Bete de Gris are threatened and a
large force of men are fighting the ap-
proaching flames in both towns. At
Bete de Gris the Government light house
and United States ship canal buildings are
thought to be doomed.

Ashtab, Wis., is surrounded by forest
fires to-night and the smoke has hung
over the town so black to-day that it
was necessary to light the street lamps.
On northern Lake Superior the smoke
hangs over the water like a dense fog
and several boats have come near collision.
On the Soo line to-day a freight
train ran into a handcar hidden in the
smoke.

MANOMINIE, Mich., Sept. 21.—Never
since 1871, when forest fires swept Manom-
inee and Marinette counties, causing the
loss of 1,500 lives and millions of dollars
worth of timber, has the danger of a wide-
spread conflagration been so great as at
the present time. So close are the fires to
Niagara, Faithorn Junction and Ingalls
that everything is packed and trains are
ready to carry the people away. The
railroad bridge of the Soo line across the
Manominee River at Faithorn was on
fire several times last night but was
saved by the efforts of the section crew.

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 21.—Not for thirty-
seven years has Wisconsin experienced
such a drought as the present. Major
H. B. Hervey of the weather bureau
said to-day that this dry season breaks
all records since 1871, when the weather
bureau was established here.

Special prayers for rain were said in
all the Catholic churches in the city and
throughout the Milwaukee archdiocese
on Sunday in compliance with a request
sent out by Archbishop Messmer. These
prayers will be continued until the dry
spell is broken.

DETROIT, Sept. 21.—Supt. B. F. Emery
of Mackinac Island State Park, said to-
day:

"The losses and hardships are greater
than the newspapers have reported. In
the Mackinac region the whole country
lack of St. Ignace and the Snow Islands
is burning. Clear down the shore from
the straits to Alpena, about seventy-five
miles, there is fire everywhere. The smoke
is so dense that for three days only this
month have we been able to see Mackinac
City from the island.

"Sunday night when I crossed from
the island to take the train for Detroit we
could not see the lighthouse light until we
were within two miles of it. Smoke is so
dense that lake traffic is very dangerous,
and marine men are keeping boats in the
harbor."

Two hours quicker to Florida and Atlanta,
Eastward Air Line shortens schedule Sept. 22.
See page 1155 Broadway.—Ad.

INVESTIGATE FOREST FIRES.

Conservation Commission Trying to Find
Out What It Costs to Fight Them.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—The Forest
Service has sent its assistant editor,
R. W. Pullman, to Duluth, Minn., to make
a thorough examination and investigation
of the recent forest fires that visited that
part of the country. Mr. Pullman was
due to arrive in Duluth last Saturday,
and Acting Forester Price has tele-
graphed instructions to rush a brief de-
scription of what he finds. Mr. Pullman
will take many pictures of the desolation
and ruin wrought in that part of the
country by the flames.

On the same subject the National
Conservation Commission is trying to
find out what it costs the country to
fight fires. The Geological Survey, which
is conducting this particular work of
inquiry for the commission, is sending
out letters all over the country asking
for data on the subject. This information
will be combined with statistics of a
similar nature to throw light on the
general topic of the conservation of life
and property through the prevention of
fires for the use of the commission when
it meets here in December to prepare its
report for President Roosevelt.

FOREST FIRES NEAR DUNKIRK.

Hundreds of Acres of Hemlock Consumed
—No Rain in Several Weeks.

DUNKIRK, N. Y., Sept. 21.—Forest fires
are raging along the line of the Dunkirk,
Allegheny Valley and Pittsburgh Railroad
in this direction. The smoke obscures
the view in Dunkirk as much as would a
heavy fog. At Frewsburg, twenty-five
miles away, men are digging trenches in
hope of stopping the progress of the
flames that have been devastating the
woodland to an enormous extent. Hun-
dreds of acres of hemlock timber have
been consumed. No rain has yet come
in answer to the universal prayer.

In the vicinity of Dunkirk the depth of
the dust interferes seriously with auto-
mobile travel, no rain having fallen in
several weeks. The grape crop of this
season is from a quarter to a third smaller
than last year on account of the drought.
Grapes are sweeter, but smaller, and
clusters are not as well filled out.

Many Fires in Pennsylvania.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Sept. 21.—Reports to
the State Forestry Department show that
fires are raging over 100,000 acres of forest
lands in Clinton, Centre, Union, Clear-
field, Snyder, Lycoming, Mifflin, Tioga,
Potter, Pike, Monroe and Schuylkill
counties. Fifteen thousand acres of State
forest reserves have been burned.

The State has 110 forest rangers and
wardens at work, and local constables
have drafted citizens into service as fire
fighters, about 1,200 men in all being em-
ployed. The State police are searching
for persons guilty of starting fires, and
the department will offer rewards for
information.

PLAN TO RETIRE COL. STEWART

Ordered to Appear Before the Army
Retiring Board in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—Col. William
F. Stewart of the Coast Artillery, who for
some time has been exiled at Fort Grant,
Ariz., on the order of the President be-
cause of certain alleged "temperamental
infirmities" which in the judgment of
the President unfit him for the command
of a corps, was to-day ordered by Sec-
retary of War Wright to appear before the
army retiring board at Washington bar-
racks. The order was issued by the
Secretary after reviewing the report of
the commander of the Department of the
Colorado conveying the findings of the
medical board which passed on Col.
Stewart when he applied to take the
ninety mile ride ordered by the President.

The medical survey found the Colonel
to be unfitted for the physical exercise
entailed by the ride because of heart
trouble, and his orders to appear before
the retiring board followed. He will
arrive in Washington within a week if he
starts promptly on receiving the orders,
which were telegraphed to him this after-
noon. The personnel of the retiring
board is not settled, but Brig.-Gen. Hall
will be the chairman.

It was rumored at the War Department
to-day that Col. Stewart is a victim of
heart disease and is also almost blind in
one eye. His enforced retirement is ac-
cepted as a matter of course at the De-
partment. That the Colonel will not
yield cheerfully is certain. He has ex-
pressed himself as ready and willing to
undergo the horseman's test and de-
clares that he was never in better health
in his life.

BANKER DIES IN STREET.

Miguel de la Torre of Matanzas, Cuba,
Falls While Walking With Friends.

Miguel de la Torre, a banker of Matanzas,
Cuba, dropped dead yesterday
afternoon at Broadway and Wall street.
Señor de la Torre left the office of a friend
shortly after 5 o'clock and was walking
on the south side of Wall street with
Manuel E. Rionda, an importer of 112
Wall street, and two other men when he
fell. A Hudson street hospital ambu-
lance came too late to be of use.

Chief Surgeon Shady ordered the body taken
to the home of Miguel de la Torre, Jr.,
a son, at 112 West Sixty-fourth street.

Señor de la Torre was 54 years old.
He came here ten days ago to visit his
son, who attended the University of
Maine last year but was making arrange-
ments to enter Columbia. Señor de la
Torre leaves a widow and six children.

TRIED TO STEAL A PIANO.

Burglars Were Ready to Leave It From
Bayonne House When Owner Awoke.

James Burnell, who lives at Avenue C
and Tenth street, Bayonne, is thankful
he was awakened early yesterday morn-
ing in time to prevent burglars carrying
off his piano.

The intruders had selected money,
silverware and clothes and had rolled
the piano to a window to lower it to the
street when the noise awoke Mr. Burnell.
He sprang from bed and gave chase, but
the burglars got away.

EMMY DESTINN BADLY HURT.

Singer Has Concussion of the Brain Re-
sulting From a Recent Fall.

Berlin, Sept. 21.—Emmy Destinn, the
operatic singer, is suffering from concus-
sion of the brain, the result of a fall some
time ago.

SEASIDE TO DENVER AND RETURN.
September 24 to 26. Pennsylvania Railroad. Same
rate to Colorado Springs or Pueblo. Tickets good
on return until October 3. See ticket agent.—Ad.

INTO CHURCH WITH AN AXE

INJUNCTION TOO LETS EX-TRUS-
TEES INTO MT. OLIVET.

Five of Them, Read Out by the Rev. Mr.
Gilbert, Intervene Violently in Meet-
ing Called to Consider Making a
Mortgage—Negro Baptists Disagree.

Five former trustees of the Mount
Olivet Baptist Church, at 159 West Fifty-
third street, who had been read out of
their congregation by the Rev. M. W. Gil-
bert, the pastor, a few months ago de-
scended upon a deliberation of the con-
gregation in the church building last
night with an axe and a writ of injunc-
tion. They broke down the doors, served
the writ upon the pastor and precipitated
something like a riot among those of the
flock who were participating in the meet-
ing.

The injunction, which had been drawn
before Justice Gerard, was one restraining
Pastor Gilbert and the present board of
trustees from putting a mortgage of
\$3,500 on the church property. This in-
strument was drawn in favor of James
Wells, Xenophon W. Jackson, William
H. Holloway, Ed. D. Morgan and Gen.
Grant Stevens, the ex-trustees who had
been dismissed from the congregation.
The serving of this injunction was the
last move in a long and bitter
strife between the preacher and a mi-
nority membership in the board of trust-
ees and congregation.

A year ago these trustees and the
minority members, not liking the way the
Rev. Mr. Gilbert was conducting the
affairs of Mount Olivet Church, asked
for his resignation. The pastor, be-
lieving that he had the majority of his
flock on his side, submitted his resignation
to the congregation as a whole and it was
not accepted. Finding sentiment in his
favor, the Rev. Mr. Gilbert then pro-
ceeded to read out of the church the five
offending trustees. That was during last
February. The five were not ready to go
without a protest.

Their protest took such a form that
the pastor had three of the minority mal-
contents arrested for disturbing the peace.
Later they in turn served charges for
false arrest against the pastor and he is
at present out on bail pending the settle-
ment of the case against him.

Hearing that the meeting last night was
to be held for the purpose of deciding
upon the raising of money through
mortgage, the five excommunicated
trustees, still refusing to recognize as a
legal body the trustees who succeeded them,
got the injunction and went up to the
church. They put the injunction in the
hands of James Herd, a colored
attorney, for service and they took along
with them two policemen.

The insurgent trustees found the doors
of the church parlor locked, and persist-
ent knocking failed to draw a response
from within. Straightway they broke
down the door with an axe and gained
access to the parlors, which were fairly
crowded with trustees and members of
the congregation. There was great con-
fusion following upon the forced entry of
the injunction server and the ex-trustees.

In the excitement the Rev. Mr. Gil-
bert, who was acting as chairman of the
meeting, came down from his seat on a
dais and mingled with his parishioners.
The injunction server found it difficult
to identify the pastor because of this
and it was some time before some of the
fighting trustees had him picked out.

When the injunction had been served
on Mr. Gilbert the five ex-trustees with-
drew and the meeting continued. These
trustees say that when they were read
out of the church their debts were only \$120
and there was \$2,100 in the treasury.
They say that before a mortgage is raised
on the church property they want an ac-
counting of the expenditure of that
treasury fund.

M'KEE RANKIN ARRESTED

With Nance O'Neill—Indicted for Pro-
ducing Sudermann's Copyright Play.

On an indictment found by the Federal
Grand Jury for the Northern District of
California in July last charging them with
violating the copyright privileges to "The
Fires of St. John," held by Charles Suder-
mann, McKee Rankin, the president, and Ger-
trude Lamson, known on the stage as
Nance O'Neill, were arrested yesterday
forenoon at the Hotel Cadillac, Broadway
and Forty-third street, by Deputy
United States Marshal Noonan. It is
alleged that Rankin and Miss O'Neill pro-
duced "The Fires of St. John" at a public
performance given in San Francisco on
July 26, 1908. The play is a four act drama
copyrighted by Sudermann on November
22, 1904, by John W. Luce & Co. of Boston.

Rankin and Miss O'Neill were arraigned
before United States Commissioner Gil-
christ, who paroled them both in the cus-
tody of their counsel, Robert L. Turk of
35 Nassau street, until to-day, when each
is required to furnish \$1,000 bail. No
date for the examination has been set.

TRY TO HOLD UP AUTOISTS.

Two Men, One Apparently Crazy, Act as
Highwaymen Near White Plains.

WHITE PLAINS, Sept. 21.—Word was
received by the police of White Plains
to-day of the holding up of four auto-
mobile parties in Mamaroneck in broad
daylight by two men who in each case
were followed by the quick action of the
chauffeurs, who knocked the robbers out
of the way with their cars.

Dr. F. N. Irwin, a physician of New
York who lives on North Broadway,
White Plains, and his party had the most
exciting of the experiences. Dr. Irwin
was running his automobile and with him
were Mrs. Irwin, the Misses Bessie and
Nellie Zimmerman and Robert Zimmer-
man. They were on their way to Rye
Beach and while travelling along the
Mamaroneck road, and opposite the Smith
farm, a man rushed out of the woods into
the middle of the road and shouted "Money
or your life!"

Dr. Irwin swerved his car into the rob-
ber, knocking him down, and then putting
on full speed dashed down the road be-
hind the holdup man had a chance to
shoot.

The other automobilists were held up
by a man who acted as though he was
crazy and who carried an old rusty re-
volver.

PLAN TO TALK TO DEAD MAN.

Ghost Club of London Has a Pact With the
Late Mr. Collins, One of Its Doubters.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, Sept. 21.—Believing that it
is possible to communicate with the
dead and encouraged by the recent an-
nouncement of the results of tests made
by members of the Psychical Research
Society, another body of occultists,
known as the Ghost Club, is going to
try to get into communication with the
late Prof. Collins, who was a member
of the club and had when he died a
compact with a score of his fellow mem-
bers to try to visit the survivors after
death.

Mr. Collins did not share the confidence
of Sir Oliver Lodge and other members
of the Psychical Research Society in the
possibility of the dead communicating
with the living. Indeed he was frankly
sceptical on the subject. Nevertheless
he was deeply and reverently inter-
ested in the idea and was very willing to attempt
communication if after death he found
himself consciously existent.

The members of the club who will
make the test are gravely in earnest.
They propose to use certain passages
from Mr. Collins's diary as tests of messages
to anybody except intimate friends of
the Collins family and the experimenters
say they will be able to tell immediately
whether the medium whom they will
employ has actually established communi-
cation. If they are convinced the medium
has done so they will try to obtain more
particulars from Mr. Collins regarding
death than are now known.

Arrangements are now being made for
a meeting of select members of the club to
carry out the test. The members include
some well known persons.

INQUIRY AT BELLEVUE.

Official Against Whom Complaint Is Made
Says It Is Groundless.

The board of trustees of Bellevue and
Allied Hospitals had an executive session
yesterday afternoon at which it is under-
stood a complaint against an official
of the hospitals was considered, not for
the first time. The official in question
insists that there is no ground for com-
plaint and has retained a lawyer to pro-
tect his interests. The purchase by the
hospital of books formerly the property
of one of its officers is said to be one of
the subjects of complaint. It was also
reported yesterday that the Corporation
Council's office had been called on to
advise the board of trustees, but Corpora-
tion Counsel Pendleton said that no for-
mal request had come to him.

After the meeting yesterday Dr. John
Winters Brannan, the president, said
that the board had merely met to grant
Dr. Samuel T. Armstrong, the general
medical superintendent of Bellevue and
Allied Hospitals, an extension of his leave
of absence. Dr. Armstrong returned on
September 2 from his month's vacation,
the first he has had in three years, and
notified the board that he was too ill to take
up his work immediately. Other members
of the board would say nothing about the
meeting.

TRENTON WON'T HEAR FORAKER

Senator Was Scheduled to Speak There on
Friday, but It Is Called Off.

New Jersey is another State that will
miss hearing United States Senator Joseph
B. Foraker in the coming campaign.
At the Republican State headquarters
in Newark yesterday it was announced
that the Ohio Senator had cancelled an
engagement to speak in behalf of Mr.
Taft at a State convention to be held in
Trenton next Friday.

Mr. Foraker's determination to keep
out of New Jersey was cause for no dis-
satisfaction among the State leaders
who visited headquarters and steps were
immediately taken to obtain the ser-
vice of some other speaker of national
prominence.

While it was explained that Mr. For-
aker's decision not to speak at Trenton
was owing to pressure of "other matters"
it was generally known that several other
addresses which it was expected the
Ohio would deliver in New Jersey in
favor of Taft have also been declared off.

AGED NUN GOING TO THE WILDS.

Mother-General of Grey Order to Make
2,000 Mile Tour in Northwest.

WINNIPEG, Man., Sept. 21.—The Rev.
Mother-General of the Grey Nuns in
Canada arrived here this afternoon en-
route for the Mackenzie River district
for the purpose of inspecting the mis-
sions in the far north. Although 60
years old she is as vigorous as on her
journey of two thousand miles beyond Ed-
monton through country where dog
train and canoes are the sole means of
transportation.

She will be accompanied by several
Grey Nuns.

LIGHTER AFIRE IN DOCK.

Cunard Pier and Boats in Danger From
Paraffine Wax Ablaze.

Just after the lighter Ariel had taken on
board 500 bags of paraffine wax from the
SS. Euterpe at Pier 51, North River,
yesterday, and was moving her way
through the many craft about a long-
shoreman saw flames coming from the
boat. In about three minutes the whole
lighter was a mass of flames, threatening
to reach the Cunard Pier, the Government
mail boat Postmaster-General,
and a dozen or more barges and tugs
that lay about the pier.

On the Cunard pier there was fear that
the flames would get through the gal-
vanized iron shelter and destroy the thou-
sands of packing cases and baggage
lying around in heaps. In a few minutes
the fireboat George B. McClellan came on
the scene, but not before the flames had
made the iron shelter on the pier so hot
that Sam Brown, a porter, burned his
hands severely in fusing with the doors.
With the help of the McClellan and the
tug Eureka the fireboat New Yorker
hailed the lighter out of the dock and to
the middle of the river, the while pouring
streams of water on her from each side.
Over on the Baxter Flat on the Jersey
side the lighter, looking for all the world
like a big cauldron with the burning wax
flowing over the sides, was sunk.

The lighter Ariel was owned by N. S.
Wallers of 29 Broadway. The wax was
the property of Carr Bros., exporters of
32 Broadway.

Capt. Gordin of the fireboat George B.
McClellan estimated that the damage
amounted to \$25,000.

WRIGHT FLIES 1 HOUR 31 MIN.

WILBUR MAKES A NEW WORLD
RECORD AT LE MANS.

Glad for His Injured Brother's Sake, He
Says—Will Try for 2 Hours To-day
—Distance 42 Miles—Ambassador
White Present—Prizes Seen Secured.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
LE MANS, Sept. 21.—Profiting by a
break in the weather Wilbur Wright
took his aeroplane out of the shed on the
Plaza d'Armes at 8:10 o'clock this
evening and established another world's
record by flying for 1 hour 31 minutes
25.4 seconds. The flight was witnessed
by the American Ambassador, Henry
White, and 10,000 spectators, who went
wild with enthusiasm over the magnificent
performance.

It appeared at first that the wind,
which was blowing in fitful gusts, would
make anything like a lengthy flight im-
possible. Wright tried three times to
start the machine, but each time it failed
to rise. Finally he changed its direction,
and then it soared gracefully.

It glided round and round the field in
wide circles, rising and falling, some-
times being more than fifty feet high and
again only twenty-five. Sometimes it
became lost to view in the evening mist.

As night closed in the temperature
became chilly. Wright found it diffi-
cult to manipulate the levers and, fearing
an accident to the machine, he descended
gracefully. He was immediately sur-
rounded by a crowd of friends. Amba-
sador White shook him warmly by the
hand. Wright, his face beaming, said:

"I am glad I did so well, because it will
cheer up my poor brother and show to
the world that his accident was not due
to any error in the principle of the ma-
chine we constructed, but to fortuitous
causes to which the most expert are
liable."

The official timekeeper of the Aero
Club then announced in a stentorian voice
that the duration of the flight was 1 hour
31 minutes 25.4 seconds, and that the
distance covered was 36 kilometers 600
meters, or almost exactly forty-two miles.
The announcement was greeted with a
great shout by the spectators.

It was explained that one of the condi-
tions for winning the Michelin and Avia-
tion Commission prizes was that the
flight must be executed before sunset,
and that therefore only 32 minutes 6
seconds of Wright's performance could
be counted. It is hardly probable, how-
ever, that any other aviator could have
covered before September 20 a greater dis-
tance in the time fixed for the win-
ning of the aviation commission prize.

Wright may accordingly be said to be
assured of it. Nevertheless he will at-
tempt another flight to-morrow, trying
to start earlier. He expects to remain in
the air two hours, thus making absolutely
certain of both prizes.

ORVILLE STILL IN PAIN.

Slow Progress Toward Recovery—The
Wrecked Aeroplane to Be Rebuilt.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—Slow progress
toward recovery is being made by Orville
Wright, the aviator who was so severely
injured in the wreck of his aeroplane last
week. He was nervous and restive to-day
and slept very little. Post Surgeon Capt.
Howard Bailey says Mr. Wright's general
condition is satisfactory. No visitors
were permitted to see the maimed aéro-
naut, although several persons had made
arrangements to visit him. Dr. Bailey
said Mr. Wright was suffering great pain
and it would retard his recovery if he
should be disturbed by persons desiring
to talk with him. Mr. Wright slightly
lost ground to-day, but it is believed one
night's rest will help him greatly.

Miss Katherine Wright, his sister, was
evidently alarmed over his condition.
She did not leave the sick room until
a look this evening. At that time she
said her brother had become somewhat
quieter, but was still suffering from his
broken bones and complaining of being
unable to breathe freely.

The slightly unfavorable turn in Wright's
condition is thought to be due to the fact
that the death of Lieut. Selfridge has
unnerved him and is prevailing on his mind.
After he declared he felt sure Lieut.
Selfridge was dead Mr. Wright was told the
truth, that the young officer expired on the
night the aeroplane collapsed.

Mechanics Taylor and Furness to-day
took the wrecked aeroplane apart and
will ship the unbroken pieces to Dayton,
where they will be worked into another
flying machine. The engine, a few strips
of wire and the right wing tin of the
ill fated aeroplane are good enough to be
used again. The mauls were stripped
from the framework and folded up for
possible future use.

Stayed Up Only Four Minutes.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Sept. 21.—Encounter-
ing a stiff breeze at the height of 100 feet,
Lieuts. F. R. Lahm and B. D. Foulois of
the Government balloon corps kept the
Baldwin dirigible in the air only four
minutes to-day. The trip was without
 mishap. Another flight will be attempted
at the military tournament to-morrow.
Lieut. Lahm arrived to-day from Wash-
ington.

LONDON WILL TALK TO FLEET.